

# Shellfish/Seaweed Species Rules

**SHRIMP:** Spot (*P. platyceros*), Coonstripe (*P. danae* and *P. hypsinotus*), Pink (*P. eous* and *P. jordani*).

## 2005 SEASON RULES:

**PUGET SOUND** (Marine Areas 5-13 and Marine Area 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line).

### 1st Saturday in May through May 31:

The minimum mesh size for shrimp pots is  $\frac{7}{8}$ " (see gear rules on next page).

Daily limit of 80 shrimp.

No minimum carapace size.

Shrimp heads may be removed while in the field.

### June 1 through October 31:

The minimum mesh size for shrimp pots is  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch (see gear rules on next page).

Daily limit of 10 pounds, heads and tails, of all shrimp species combined (maximum of 80 spot shrimp - if open for spot shrimp).

The minimum carapace size for spot shrimp is  $1 \frac{3}{16}$ " (30mm) - (see diagram below).

Shrimp heads may be removed, but must be retained while in the field.

Immediately release all sublegal spot shrimp unharmed.

**PACIFIC OCEAN** (Marine Areas 1-3 and Marine Area 4 west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line).

The minimum mesh size for shrimp pots is  $\frac{7}{8}$ " (see gear rules on next page).

Daily limit of 10 pounds, heads and tails, of all shrimp species combined (maximum of 80 spot shrimp).

No minimum carapace size for spot shrimp.

Shrimp heads may be removed, but must be retained while in the field.

## ALL AREAS

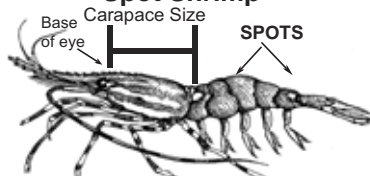
Each harvester must have a separate container for their catch, either in their possession or identified with their name.

Maximum of two shrimp pots per person and no more than four shrimp pots per boat.

**Prior to harvesting, check the Shellfish Rule Change Hotline 1-866-880-5431 or the WDFW website for season closures and restrictions.**

AREA	SPECIES	SEASON / OPEN DAYS AND TIMES / ADDITIONAL RULES
<b>MARINE AREAS 4</b> (east of Bonilla-Tatoosh line), <b>5, 6, 7 and 13</b> (excluding Shrimp Districts).	ALL SPECIES	<b>Opens the 1st Saturday in May at 7:00 a.m., closes when quota is attained or October 15, whichever comes first.</b> Open daily.
<b>MARINE AREAS 8, 9, 10, 11, and DISCOVERY BAY, PORT ANGELES and PORT TOWNSEND SHRIMP DISTRICTS.</b>	ALL SPECIES  COONSTRIPE and PINK	<b>Opens the 1st Saturday in May at 7:00 a.m., closes when quota is attained or May 31, whichever comes first.</b> Open from 7:00 am through 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays only.  <b>June 1 - October 15, Marine Areas 8, 9, and 11 are open daily with a 150' maximum fishing depth restriction. Port Townsend and Discovery Bay Shrimp Districts will be open daily with area restrictions (areas open for fishing will be announced prior to June 1). Marine Area 10 and Port Angeles Shrimp District will remain closed after spot shrimp quota is taken.</b>
<b>HOOD CANAL SHRIMP DISTRICT</b> (Marine Area 12).	ALL SPECIES	<b>Open May 7, 11, 14 and 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.</b> Additional dates and times will be announced if sufficient quota remaining.
<b>SEQUIM BAY and CARR INLET SHRIMP DISTRICTS</b> See Marine Area 6, 13 maps	ALL SPECIES	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>PACIFIC OCEAN</b> Marine Areas 1-3 and 4 west of Bonilla-Tatoosh line.	ALL SPECIES	<b>Year-round.</b> Open daily.

### Spot Shrimp



Spot shrimp (*Pandalus platyceros*) are distinguished by four white spots on the body. After June 1, any areas in Puget Sound that remain open for spot shrimp have a  $1 \frac{3}{16}$ " minimum carapace size limit, measured from the base of the eyestalk to the top rear edge of the carapace. Spot shrimp may reach 10" in total length.

### Pink Shrimp



Pink shrimp (*Pandalus eous* and *P. jordani*) are small (less than 6") and uniformly pink.

### Coonstripe (Dock) Shrimp



Coonstripe or dock shrimp (*Pandalus danae*) are brownish in color with brown lines and spots on the head and tail. This species may grow to  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " in length.

### Coonstripe (Humpback) Shrimp



The coonstripe or humpback shrimp (*Pandalus hypsinotus*) is mottled reddish-brown with some white patches on the head and tail. This species may reach  $7\frac{1}{2}$ " in length.